

House Resolution No. 3449

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State couples who have admirably demonstrated the strength, depth, and vitality of their love through the longevity of their marital vows; and

Whereas, fifty years ago Donald Blaylock took the lovely hand of his beautiful bride, the former Mary Alice Statler, as the two pledged their troth during a solemn wedding ceremony which took place on June 5, 1954, at Sedgewickville Methodist Church with the Reverend Glen Mangum; and

Whereas, five decades later Donald and Mary Blaylock of Perryville observed on May 2, 2004, both their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary and his fifty years in the ministry; and

Whereas, the marriage of Donald and Mary Blaylock has been richly blessed down through the years by the love and affection of their three children, Wesley Blaylock who is married to Paula, Sue Dawson who is married to Charlie, and Paula Beldon of Albuquerque, New Mexico; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, licensed to preach in March 1954, the Reverend Donald Blaylock served United Methodist churches in Doniphan, Bolivar, Lamar, Ellington, Marble Hill, Maplewood, Herculaneum, Hannibal, Union, and Saint Louis until his retirement when he began serving churches in the Festus area and conducting services twice each month at Patton and Whitewater Presbyterian churches; and

Whereas, Mary Blaylock shares with her husband active participation and leadership in the Missouri East Walk to Emmaus movement and other church events; and

Whereas, Donald and Mary Blaylock used the occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary to reflect on the many changes which have occurred in their lives, in society, and around the world since the blessed day they became husband and wife:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, productive marriage engaged in by Donald and Mary Blaylock and to convey to them this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and our best wishes as they celebrate the Golden Anniversaries of their marriage and his entrance into the ministry; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Donald and Mary Blaylock of Perryville, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Scott A. Lipke
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I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3449, adopted June 21, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker